Subjects: Countermarked coins of the West Indies; Coins left by his sister at the British Museum for identification

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Apl 14th 1919

Dear Sir

In the course of a discussion with a coin dealer about counter marked coins of the West Indies he told me he had got his information from a paper of yours in the A.N.S. Journal for 1914.

I have up to the present been unable to get a copy so I wrote Mr Allan of the B.M. and he suggested I should ask you to give me a reprint. I enclose his letter.

I feel it would be a great piece of presumption on my part to do any such thing but I do ask that you will be kind enough to allow me to buy one.

It is only fair to you that I should tell you that though you will find me down as a F.R.N.S. (for which honour I have to thank Mr Allan) you must not conclude I am a numismatist as I am only a coin collector pure and simple and the smallness of my £ brain & pocket compell me to omit the coins of ancient Rome & Greece and also English

P.T.O.

If after knowing the above facts you have a copy to spare and would allow me to have one, I shall esteem it a favour if I may be allowed to pay for it

I shall be glad if you will advise me the value in English money including postage & I will send the same on.

with apologies for troubling you

Yours faithfully

Alfred Meigh

April 28, 1919

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th at hand, and I am sending you under separate cover the reprint of my "Coinage of the West Indies". This is the next to the last spare copy that I have, so you may consider yourself fortunate in getting it. Since this was written I have made but very few new discoveries; most of them of minor importance. I am inclined to doubt the attribution of the heart-shaped counter stamps to Martinique. My numbers are 89 to 94; where they should be placed I cannot say. Number 85 I do not think is now West Indian, but rather Central American, possibly Costa Rican. If you come across any new counter stamps or information, I would be very much pleased to have what notes you may make. The price of the reprint is $2.

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

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12/4/19

Dear Mr. Leigh.

I am returning you the box of coins which your sister left last night. I think I have identified most of them except the South Indian which it is impossible to say much on. Perhaps you can suggest something for which they could be located.

It is a pity that the Numismatic Journal for the sake of one article. You might write

to the author. Mr Howland
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Society, 156th St. W. of Broadway
New York.
ask him if he can give you
a reprint of it. He will probably
have one to spare. If not he
could get you the Journal containing
it.

Yours faithfully
J. Allan